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1. In late November all factories under the control of the Kwangtung Industry Department started to move northward, accompanied by Soviet advisors and technicians. The government-controlled Southern Iron Works is still in Canton and is producing small arms.
2. Included in the evacuation from the Canton area were the following:
  - a. In mid-November the Kwangtung Government started evacuation to Loch'ang (113-18, 25-08). Between 10 November and 10 December about 8,000 prisoners, of whom 90 percent were political offenders, were sent by night from Canton prison to Loch'ang.
  - b. On 2 December the Canton municipal government started evacuation to P'anyu (113-26, 23-01).
  - c. In early December the Kwangtung People's Bank and the Kwangtung Finance Department began moving to Mapa (113-32, 24-43). All their supplies of gold and foreign currency were scheduled to be in Mapa before 15 December.
  - d. On the night of 6 December the Kwangtung Government was sending important files to Ch'uchiang (113-33, 24-50).
3. In mid-December Canton authorities ordered the New Asia and the New China Hotels on T'ai'ping Road South, Canton, to prepare to accommodate a large number of Soviet air force personnel soon to arrive in Canton.
4. On the evening of 16 December 68 Soviet air force personnel arrived in Canton by the Canton-Hankow Railroad. They are billeted on the seventh and eighth floors of the Oikwan Hotel, Canton.
5. On 17 December, 16 Soviet air force technicians with 52 boxes of aviation supplies and a number of Chinese Communist soldiers arrived at Huangsha Station, Canton. The boxes of supplies were sent by truck to the White Cloud Airfield. The Soviets were billeted at the New Asia Hotel.

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